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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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HINDI EDUCATION TO FOREIGNERS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of foreigners are coming to India to learn Hindi;

(b) if so,the details thereof for the last two years; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to enhance the infrastructure of educational institutions for Hindi education keeping in view the increasing number of foreign students coming to learn the language?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a): Yes,sir.

(b): Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Human Resource Development has a scheme viz.`Propagation of Hindi Abroad`.The details of foreign students who attended the various courses in the Kendriya Hindi Sansthan during 2006-07 and 2007-08 is given below:-

Year	Number of Students Admitted
2006-07	69
2007-08	70
Total	139

(c): The students admitted under the above scheme of Kendriya Hindi Sansthan are provided with separate Hostel facility both for Male and Female participants,Digital Language Laboratory, Computer Laboratory,Special facilities for Audio-visual lessons, Cyber Kiosks and Library etc.